



Integrated Justice in Washington State

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Activity in the JIN Program Office

JIN Proof of Concept and Technology Roundtables

The first JIN Proof of Concept project, a collaborative effort to share and update stolen vehicle information among the King County Regional Automation Network (RAIN), [the Law Enforcement Support Agency \(LESA\)](#), and the [Washington State Patrol](#), is rapidly moving forward. This week, the Project Manager, Equarius, successfully established a connection to the Washington State Patrol ACCESS switch and further refined the project scope and demonstration capabilities with the Steering Committee today in Bellevue. We did encounter a connectivity problem with ACCESS (it requires a "heartbeat," which makes sustaining system connectivity difficult), but we believe that we can leverage the LESA solution (an automated "ping" or something of that nature) to get around the problem.

We also conducted a design review with DIS, which is currently hosting the middleware solution (Microsoft Biz Talk). From this perspective, everything is going well and DIS staff has been extremely helpful with various project tasks—opening firewalls, arranging for VPN access, configuring the server, etc.

At Friday's Technology Roundtable, Koray Ozcubukcu, a technology architect from Equarius, presented a number of different architectural models for discussion. It was clear from his presentation that a well-built integration solution must follow network and security architecture, and that planning at the outset of a project is crucial to success.

Summary Offender Profile

We installed the server certificates and anti-virus software on the SOP servers on Thursday and could see that Templar had begun the installation process. They were hoping to be finished by now, but, as I've not received

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confirmation, I think it's safe to assume that we are not yet ready to begin testing.

Federal Grants

I submitted my proposal for Byrne or NCHIP funding last Sunday. It has become increasingly clear to me that network and security design need to be done in advance of integration planning. My proposal is to use contractor support to gather network and security requirements from JIN constituents; to work with DIS to develop a physical and logical network design; and to develop a cost-sharing model that will work for the JIN community. We can then begin to automate the various exchanges of justice information incrementally, in an agreed-upon order.

OFM received other grant proposals from the State Patrol, the King County Police Chiefs Association, and the AOC. The subcommittee of the Justice Information Board is scheduled to meet on April 16 to review this material. I also provided the Subcommittee with a summary of the Byrne and NCHIP objectives and allowable costs, along with some information about past spending.

I also submitted my proposal to the Emergency Management Division for the \$200,000 grant I was awarded by the Governor as part of the state's Homeland Security Plan. This proposal needs to be approved for execution by EMD before funding is released. I hope to facilitate the automation of one or more key exchanges of information in the JIN community. I have discussed customer requirements with King County and LESA, and will further refine the project charter with the Technical Advisory Group as the process develops.

Meetings

I was interviewed on Tuesday by the Center for Digital Government (<http://www.centerdigitalgov.com>), a clearing-house for information technology policy, trends and opportunity in state and local government. I also met with Garry Austin of OFM to discuss the upcoming grants review and attended a meeting of the Traffic Records Committee. I later met with Chris Madill of the WSP, my counterpart in traffic records planning. It is important that we collaborate with the TRC, as we share a number of common objectives and data sources.

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